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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS

MANFRED T. REETZ ET AL.

SERIAL NO.

09/831,566

FILED

May 10, 2001

FOR

WATER-SOLUBLE NANOSTRUCTURED METAL-OXIDE

COLLOIDS AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME

ART UNIT

1712

EXAMINER

D. Metzmaier

October 18, 2004

Hon. Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

SIR:

This is a petition to extend the period of time two months for responding to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004.

Applicant is a small entity.

An amendment is filed herewith.